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SPEECH

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK'S
GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH OF SEPTEMBER 24 WHICH DEALS WITH KHMER
REPRESENTATION QUESTION:

QUOTE:

IN THE SAME WAY, THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN THE KHMER
REPUBLIC IS A SOURCE OF DEEP CONCERN TO INDONESIA. THE
SACRIFICES IN HUMAN LIVES AND SUFFERING WHICH THIS CONFLICT
HAS EXACTED, AS WELL AS ITS POTENTIAL TO CAUSE WIDER
INSTABILITY IN THE REGION, MAKES US FERVENTLY HOPE THAT
A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM WILL BE ACHIEVED

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THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE CONTENDING FACTIONS

OF THE KHMER PEOPLE THEMSELVES. THE WAY IN WHICH THIS PROBLEM IS NOW BEING PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY, THEREFORE, CAUSES THE GREATEST MISGIVINGS TO MY DELEGATION.

MR. PRESIDENT,

IT REMAINS INDONESIA'S CONSIDERED VIEW THAT THE KHMER PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS IN PEACE, WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION OR IMPOSITION, AND TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES THE LEADERSHIP THEY WANT AND THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT UNDER WHICH THEY CHOOSE TO LIVE.

WE ARE AGAINST THE IDEA OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRYING TO IMPOSE A GOVERNMENT AND A LEADERSHIP ON THE KHMER PEOPLE. WE WOULD FULLY SUPPORT UNITED NATIONS INTERVENTION IN THE KHMER PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IF INDEED SUCH INTERVENTION WOULD LEAD TOWARDS ENDING THE FIGHTING AMONG KHMERS AND TOWARDS A PEACEFUL OVERALL SOLUTION.

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT TO IMPOSE A LEADERSHIP AND A GOVERNMENT BY U.N. RESOLUTION ON THE KHMER PEOPLE, WILL NOT BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT, WILL NOT END THE FIGHTING AND BLOODSHED AMONG KHMERS AND, ON THE CONTRARY, WILL INTENSIFY AND PROLONG IT. THUS, IT WOULD BE A TRAGIC IRONY INDEED IF THE UNITED NATIONS, AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF UNINVOLVEMENT IN INDO CHINA, NOW SUDDENLY DECIDES TO INTERVENE, NOT TO BRING PEACE BUT, IN EFFECT, TO ENCOURAGE AND PROLONG CONFLICT AND BLOODSHED AMONG KHMERS.

IF THE UNITED NATIONS IS TO TAKE ACTION, THEN TO MY DELEGATION'S VIEW IT WOULD BE MORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD APPEAL TO THE CONTENDING PARTIES TO STOP THE FIGHTING AND START NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF THE KHMER PEOPLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE OFFER MADE ON THE 9TH OF JULY 1974 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN PHNOM PENH, TO START NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS AND WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF KHMERS "ON THE OTHER SIDE", IN ORDER TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THEIR CONFLICT AND TO END THE KILLING AMONG BROTHERS. MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS OFFER SHOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE ASSEMBLY AS ONE FULLY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SPIRIT OF ALL UNITED NATIONS ENDEAVOURS TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

ALLOW ME NOW TO REITERATE BRIEFLY MY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO CAMBODIA.

WE HAVE NOTHING AGAINST PRINCE SIHANOUK OR THE SO-CALLED

"ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION OF CAMBODIA". IN FACT, THE
INDONESIAN PEOPLE RESPECT PRINCE SIHANOUK FOR HIS ROLE IN THE
STRUGGLE OF THE KHMER PEOPLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY.
BUT THE KHMER PARLIAMENT, HIS OWN PARLIAMENT, ELECTED BY THE
KHMER PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE KHMER CONSTITUTION, DEPOSED
HIM, AND HE IS NOW MAKING HIS CLAIM TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AS
AN EXILE FROM THE CAPITAL OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, INDONESIA IS AGAINST RECOGNITION
OF A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE AS LONG AS THERE EXISTS A NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTRY ITSELF, LAWFULLY ESTABLISHED AND
ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF THEIR OWN CONSTITUTIONAL
PROCESSES.

IF THE ASSEMBLY WERE TO EMBARK UPON RECOGNITION OF SUCH
REGIMES IN EXILE IT WOULD NOT ONLY BE TANTAMOUNT TO INTERFERING
IN THE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF A STATE BUT WOULD INDEED SET
A PRECEDENT ENDANGERING THE VERY STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
TODAY IT CONCERNS THE KHMER REPUBLIC, TOMORROW IT MAY BE ANOTHER
COUNTRY, PERHAPS ONE OF THOSE WHO NOW SUPPORT THE IDEA OF
RECOGNIZING A REGIME IN EXILE BECAUSE OF FEELINGS OF SOLIDARITY
WITH A PERSON OR GROUPS REPRESENTING CERTAIN POLITICAL BELIEFS
OR BECAUSE OF EMOTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS. I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST,
THEREFORE TO LET THE CHOICE REMAIN WITH THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO
ALLOW THE UNITED NATIONS TO INTRODUCE THE PRACTICE OF IMPOSING
A GOVERNMENT UPON A PEOPLE.

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